Information given by IDPL

1922. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2940 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even in respect of non-scheduled drugs the manufacturers are required to give the details in form 1A to his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether IDPL has submitted the details in respect of Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Folic Acid and Vitamin B6;

(c) if so, what were the details of cost of production of each drug as given in form 1A and when was each detail provided; and

(d) what were the various aspects which are covered under monitoring by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. M/s. IDPL had submitted the various details as required under provisions of DPCO, 1987, and the price movements of various price decontrolled bulk drugs/formulations, are monitored by this Ministry.

Prices of Valium, Calmpose, Serenace and Eskazine

1923. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Valium, Calmpose, Serenace and Eskazine are upto 1000 times the exfactory cost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government did not fix the prices of these medicines and decontrolled without any justified basis;

(c) whether the price monitoring cell took notice of the prices of these products; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the examination of cost data and how the effectiveness of monitoring is established by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The referred formulations were exempted from price control under DPCO, 1979 and are also presently decontrolled. Details regarding their prices will be collected and information will be laid on the Table of the House, as soon as possible.

Production of drugs

1924. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the monitored drugs production of which has declined during the year 1987-88 as compared to the year 1986-87 and what was the production during each year;

(b) what are the main reasons for reduction of production and why their prices are not decontrolled to step up productions; and

(c) how many of these drugs are produced from basic stages and what are the names of drugs for which the production has gone up during the same period and what was the production during each year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Names of monitored bulk drugs showing decline in production and the production during the last two years, year-wise, are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Decline in production could be attributed to several factors including drug obsolesence, market demand and corporate plans of the companies producing the drugs.

(c) Several of these drugs such as Dapsone, Aspirin, PAS and its Salts.